



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Nurse Practitioner Week**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 148,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with more than 600 in the State of Rhode Island providing high-quality, cost-effective and personalized healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners have graduate, advanced education and advanced clinical training beyond their initial registered nurse preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners are truly partners in the healthcare of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

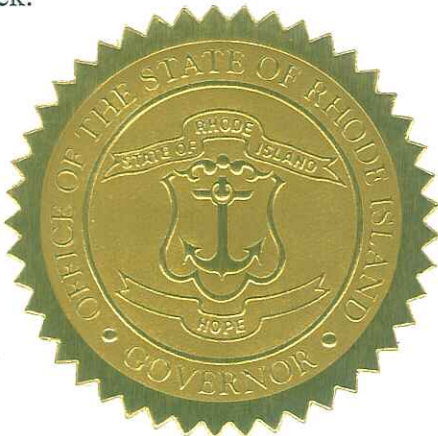
**WHEREAS**, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners is established and well-documented; and

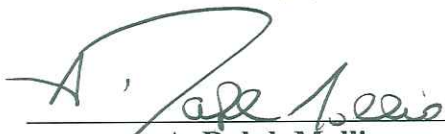
**WHEREAS**, nurse practitioners provide healthcare to people of all ages and in diverse healthcare settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 18 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and


**WHEREAS**, it is documented that patients of nurse practitioners are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other healthcare providers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2011 as Nurse Practitioner Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this week.



  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor